



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**

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**CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 31, 2020  
(via conference call)  
2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Members Present	Board Members Not Present	DCRA Staff Present	Other Persons Present
Jill Stern, Chair	Joel Causey	Danielle Gurkin, DCRA	Nicholas Bonnard, DOEE
Marc Fetterman, Vice Chair		Matt Nestopolous, DCRA	Eric Mayl, Core Group
Chris Bailey			Eric Jones, AOBA
Matthew Borger			Martin Koch, DOEE
Michael Brown			
Tony Falwell			
Kellie Farster			
Casey Studhalter			
Garret Whitescarver			
Jason Wright			

**1. Preliminary Matters**

**i Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Jill Stern, Chair, at 2:03 pm with a roll call of members and other persons present. All members and other persons present participated in the meeting via telephone conference call due to the public health emergency in effect and the related Mayor's Orders and legislation (e.g., "COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020").

**ii Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved upon motion made by Tony Falwell and seconded by Chris Bailey.

**iii Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes for the Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Special Meeting were approved unanimously upon motion made by Michael Brown and seconded by Casey Studhalter.

**2. 2017 District of Columbia Construction Codes**

An update on the status of the 2017 District of Columbia Construction Codes was provided by Danielle Gurkin, DCRA Legislative Affairs Specialist. She said that she had spoken with OPLA and that they are prepared to move forward with the Final Notice of Proposed Rulemaking after the April 7, 2020 Council meeting. She assured the Board that OPLA understands the importance of the code update and will be responsive in reviewing the Final Notice so that it can be



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published expeditiously. She also indicated that she is working on proposed legislation to harmonize the DC Official Code with the new 2017 Construction Codes

**3. Status of Amendments to 2017 District of Columbia Construction Codes.**

Jill Stern asked Danielle Gurkin to confirm the process for adoption of emergency rules by the CCCB, since the goal is to adopt the proposed emergency amendments to the 2017 Building and Fire Codes to address portable fire extinguisher and flood hazard issues on the effective date of the 2017 Construction Codes. Danielle said she would confirm the process and get back to the Board.

**4. Consideration of Previously Introduced Code Change Proposals**

The following actions were taken by the Board. All actions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

<b>Building Code</b>	<b>Code/Section</b>	<b>Introduced</b>	<b>Procedural History</b>	<b>CCCB Action 3.31.20</b>
BC-CCCB-App. G-1-17	2017 DC Building Code/Appendix G, G101.2 & Section 2702.17	3.3.20	Revised 3.31.20	Approved Studhalter (M) Whitescarver (S)
BC-CCCB-12-1-17	2017 DC Building Code/Section 1208.4	3.3.20		Deferred
<b>Fire Code</b>	<b>Code/Section</b>	<b>Introduced</b>	<b>Procedural History</b>	<b>CCCB Action 3.31.20</b>
FC-CCCB-6-1-17	2017 Fire Code/Section 604.1.7	3.3.20	Revised 3.31.20	Approved Studhalter (M) Whitescarver (S)

The proposal to reduce interior space dimensions of efficiency apartments (BC-CCCB-12-1-17) was discussed by the Board and concerns were expressed about the definitional issue for the term “living room” in the proposed rule, and the possibility of disproportionate impact on affordable housing units. A straw vote was taken and there were insufficient votes for the code change proposal to be approved. The proposal was deferred for further discussion. Eric Mayl offered to meet with Chris Bailey to determine whether the proposal could be amended to address concerns expressed by DCRA and FEMS Board members.

Following approval of BC-CCCB-App. G-1-17 and FC-CCCB-6-1-17, the Board considered and unanimously approved the revised Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking to incorporate these code change proposals upon motion made by Tony Falwell and seconded by Jason Wright. The Board also considered and unanimously approved the revised Notice of Proposed Rulemaking upon motion made by Marc Fetterman and seconded by Jason Wright (to incorporate all approved code change proposals and some non-substantive changes).



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**5. Administrative Matters**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2020. Jill Stern indicated that this meeting would be cancelled unless pressing matters arise. No other administrative matters were discussed.

**6. Comments by Members of the Public**

Except for comments by Eric Mayl, no members of the public participated in the meeting.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2020.